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OPERATION OF TRAINS BY USING BIO-DIESEL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are contemplating to operate trains by using bio-diesel;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent of savings likely to accure to the Railways by using this fuel?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b & c) Preliminary studies including field trials, have been done on running Jan Shatabdi express between Lucknow and Allahabad and Amritsar Shatabdi Express trains. In addition to this, Southern Railway operates Diesel/Electric Multiple Units (DEMUs) and Metre (jauge (MG) locomotives for passengers service with a blend of bio-diesel.

It is premature to estimate savings at this stage, as bio-diesel is presently not available in substantial quantities.